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HOWARD ET AL.)
Serial No: **10/621,639**)
Filed: **July 17, 2003**)
For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING CASTINGS**

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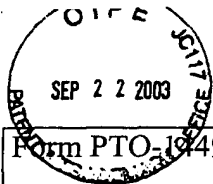
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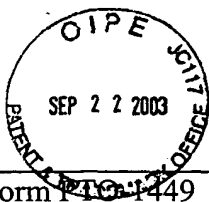
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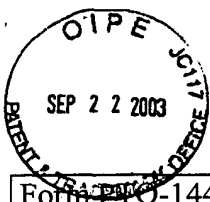
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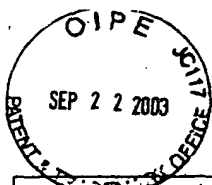
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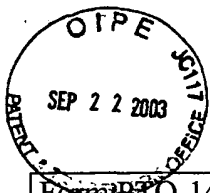
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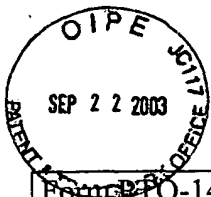
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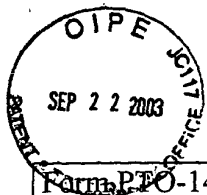
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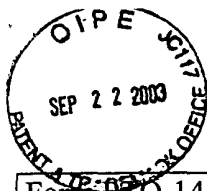
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